AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Withdrawn) A washing apparatus comprising:
 - a body having a drum and driving units for driving the drum;
- a reader unit for receiving a signal from an information tag on each piece of laundry introduced to an inside of the drum, to obtain information stored in the information tags;
 - a display unit for displaying various kinds of information obtained by the reader unit;
- an interface unit for providing an input environment for having various particulars selected by the user, or receiving additional information from the user; and
- a control unit for receiving information obtained by the reader unit, and information provided to the interface unit, setting operation of various kinds of cycles by using the information received thus, and controlling the driving units with reference to the setting, for performing washing.
- 2. (Currently Amended) A washing method comprising:
- an information obtaining step for obtaining information on washing of pieces of laundry from information tags respectively of entire laundry introduced to an inside of a drum;
- an information displaying step for displaying information on particulars of the pieces of laundry in the information obtained thus;
- an information <u>determining request</u> step for <u>displaying information on particulars of the</u> <u>pieces of laundry in the information obtained thus, and requesting the user to determine whether</u> the particulars displayed thus is the same with particulars of laundry having the user introduced thereto actually, or not;
- an information revising step for receiving revised particulars of the pieces of laundry which are not same from the user in a case particulars of the pieces of laundry responded on the request are not the same with each other; and

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an information comparing step for comparing user input information with the obtained information to determine whether the user input information matches the obtained information, if

the user inputs information on the particulars of the pieces of laundry; and

an operation setting step for setting operation of each cycle with reference to the revised

particulars, and the information on washing of the pieces of laundry obtained thus based on the

obtained information if the user input information matches the obtained information and setting

operation of each cycle based on the user input information and the obtained information if the

user input information does not match the obtained information.

3. (Original) The washing method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the information on

washing includes at least one of weights of respective pieces of laundry, and washing water

temperatures of performing preferably operation of each cycle.

4. (Currently Amended) The washing method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the

information determining request step includes the step of inducing the user to select a specific

button for confirmation of the particulars of the laundry the same or not.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The washing method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the operation setting step

includes at least one of setting of washing water temperatures for performing operation of each

cycle, and setting of washing water levels for each cycle for a weight of entire laundry.

7. (Currently Amended) The washing method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the

information revising comparing step includes the step of comparing a difference between a

number of pieces of laundry introduced to the inside of the drum actually, and a number of

pieces of laundry obtained by the reader unit.

8. (Currently Amended) The washing method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising the

step of having the washing water levels set thus compensated for the weight determined

<u>differenced</u> based on the <u>revised</u> compared number of pieces of laundry.

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9. (Withdrawn) A washing apparatus comprising:

a reader unit for receiving a signal from an information tag on each piece of laundry, to obtain information on properties of each piece of laundry stored in the information tags;

a display unit for displaying various kinds of information; and

a control unit for receiving information on properties of the piece of laundry from the reader unit, retrieving information on matters to be attended to in washing according to the properties of the piece of laundry or recommendable information on setting of operation in washing with reference to the information received thus, and giving a notice on the information retrieved thus to the user through a display unit.

10. (Withdrawn) The washing apparatus as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a memory having information to be attended to in washing for each property of each piece of laundry stored therein

11. (Withdrawn) The washing apparatus as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a memory having recommendable information on selection of setting of each cycle for each property of each piece of laundry stored therein.

12. - 24. (Canceled)